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Advancement

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***AN ACT CONCERNING TECHNICAL CHANGES TO THE STATUTES
FOR THE CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 10a-89 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) Subject to state-wide policy and guidelines established by the
4 Board of Governors of Higher Education, the board of trustees shall
5 provide for the administration of the Connecticut State University
6 system, plan for the expansion and development of the institutions
7 within its jurisdiction, and submit such plans to the Board of
8 Governors of Higher Education and to the Commissioner of Public
9 Works for review and recommendations. The Commissioner of Public
10 Works upon request of the board of trustees shall, in accordance with
11 section 4b-30, negotiate and execute leases on such physical facilities as
12 the board of trustees may deem necessary for proper operation of such
13 institutions, and the board of trustees may, with the permission of the
14 Commissioner of Public Works and the State Properties Review Board,
15 expend capital funds therefor if such leasing is required during the

16 planning and construction phases of institutions within its jurisdiction
17 for which such capital funds were authorized. Subject to such policies
18 as may be established by the board of trustees, the chief executive
19 officer of each institution within the jurisdiction of the board may
20 make buildings and other facilities under its control available to
21 nonprofit and other organizations or to individuals for temporary uses
22 not inconsistent with the educational purpose of the institution. The
23 board of trustees may appoint or remove the chief executive officer of
24 each institution within its jurisdiction, and with respect to its own
25 operation the board of trustees may appoint and remove [an executive
26 secretary] a chancellor and executive staff. The board of trustees may
27 determine the size of the executive staff and the duties, terms and
28 conditions of employment of [said secretary] the chancellor and staff,
29 subject to personnel guidelines established by the Board of Governors
30 of Higher Education in consultation with said board of trustees. The
31 board of trustees may employ faculty and other personnel needed to
32 maintain and operate the institutions within its jurisdiction. Within the
33 limitation of appropriations, the board of trustees shall fix the
34 compensation of such personnel, establish terms and conditions of
35 employment and prescribe their duties and qualifications. The board
36 of trustees shall determine who constitutes its professional staff and
37 establish compensation and classification schedules for its professional
38 staff. The board of trustees shall annually submit to the Commissioner
39 of Administrative Services a list of the positions which it has included
40 within the professional staff. The board of trustees may appoint one or
41 more physicians for the Connecticut State University system and shall
42 provide such physicians with suitable facilities for the performance of
43 such duties as it prescribes. Subject to state-wide policy and guidelines
44 established by the Board of Governors of Higher Education, the board
45 of trustees shall: (1) Make rules for the government of the Connecticut
46 State University system and shall determine the general policies of the
47 university system, including those concerning the admission of
48 students and the expenditure of the funds of institutions under its
49 jurisdiction within the amounts available; (2) develop the mission

50 statement for the university system which shall include, but not be
51 limited to the following elements: (A) The educational needs of and
52 constituencies served by the institutions within its jurisdiction; (B) the
53 degrees offered by such institutions; and (C) the role and scope of each
54 institution within the university system, which shall include each
55 institution's particular strengths and specialties. The board of trustees
56 shall submit the mission statement to the Board of Governors of
57 Higher Education for review and approval in accordance with the
58 provisions of section 10a-6; (3) establish policies for the university
59 system and for the individual institutions under its jurisdiction; (4)
60 submit to the Board of Governors of Higher Education, for approval,
61 recommendations for the establishment of new academic programs; (5)
62 make appropriate recommendations to the Board of Governors of
63 Higher Education regarding institutional mergers or closures; (6)
64 coordinate the programs and services of the institutions under its
65 jurisdiction; (7) be authorized to enter into agreements, consistent with
66 the provisions of section 5-141d, to save harmless and indemnify
67 sponsors of research grants to institutions under its jurisdiction,
68 provided such an agreement is required to receive the grant and limits
69 liability to damages or injury resulting from acts or omissions related
70 to such research by employees of such institutions; (8) promote fund-
71 raising by the institutions under its jurisdiction in order to assist such
72 institutions, provided the board shall not directly engage in fund-
73 raising except for purposes of providing funding for (A) scholarships
74 or other direct student financial aid; and (B) programs, services or
75 activities at one or more of the institutions within its jurisdiction and
76 report to the Commissioner of Higher Education and the joint standing
77 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
78 relating to education by January 1, 1994, and biennially thereafter, on
79 all such fund-raising; and (9) charge the direct costs for a building
80 project under its jurisdiction to the bond fund account for such project,
81 provided (A) such costs are charged in accordance with a procedure
82 approved by the Treasurer; and (B) nothing in this subdivision shall
83 permit the charging of working capital, as defined in the applicable

84 provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent
85 corresponding internal revenue code of the United States, as from time
86 to time amended, or costs originally paid from sources other than the
87 bond fund account.

88 (b) The board of trustees shall: (1) Review and approve institutional
89 budget requests and prepare and submit to the Board of Governors of
90 Higher Education, in accordance with the provisions of section 10a-8,
91 the budget request for the Connecticut State University system; and (2)
92 propose facility planning and capital expenditure budget priorities for
93 the institutions under its jurisdiction. The board may request authority
94 from the Treasurer to issue payment for claims against the state
95 university system, other than a payment for payroll, debt service
96 payable on state bonds to bondholders, paying agents, or trustees, or
97 any payment the source of which includes the proceeds of a state bond
98 issue.

99 Sec. 2. Section 10a-88 of the general statutes is repealed and the
100 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

101 There shall continue to be a Board of Trustees for the Connecticut
102 State University System to consist of eighteen members, fourteen to be
103 appointed by the Governor, who shall reflect the state's geographic,
104 racial and ethnic diversity; two of whom shall be state college or
105 Connecticut State University system alumni; and four students, one
106 from each state university elected by the students enrolled at such state
107 university. On or before July 1, 1983, the Governor shall appoint
108 members to the board as follows: Five members, one of whom shall be
109 a state college or Connecticut State University system alumnus, for a
110 term of two years from said date; five members, one of whom shall be
111 a state college or Connecticut State University system alumnus, for a
112 term of four years from said date, and four members for a term of six
113 years from said date. Thereafter the Governor shall appoint members
114 of said board to succeed those appointees whose terms expire, such
115 members to serve for terms of six years each from July first in the year

116 of their appointment, provided two of the members appointed for
117 terms commencing July 1, 1995, and their successors shall be state
118 college or Connecticut State University system alumni, one of the
119 members appointed for a term commencing July 1, 1997, and his or her
120 successors shall be such alumni and two of the members appointed for
121 terms commencing July 1, 1999, and their successors shall be such
122 alumni. On and after July 1, 1999, the board shall at all times include at
123 least one member from each county in which a state university is
124 located. (1) On or before November 1, 1975, the students enrolled at the
125 institutions under the jurisdiction of the board shall, in such manner as
126 the board determines, elect two members of the board, each of whom
127 shall be enrolled as a full-time student at an institution under the
128 jurisdiction of the board at the time of his or her election. One such
129 member shall be elected for a term of one year from November 1, 1975,
130 and one for a term of two years from said date. On or before
131 November 1, 1976, until July 1, 1997, such students shall, in such
132 manner as the board determines, elect one member of the board, who
133 shall be so enrolled at any such institution at the time of his or her
134 election and who shall serve for a term of two years from November
135 first in the year of his or her election, except that the term of the
136 member due to expire on October 31, 1998, shall expire on October 31,
137 1997. (2) On and after July 1, 1997, until June 30, 2007, the student
138 members of the board shall be elected as follows: (A) (i) On or before
139 November 1, 1997, the students enrolled at Central Connecticut State
140 University shall, in such manner as the board determines, elect one
141 member of the board who shall be a full-time student at such state
142 university at the time of his or her election and who shall serve for a
143 term of one year from said November first, and (ii) on or before
144 November 1, 1998, and biennially thereafter, the students enrolled at
145 Central Connecticut State University shall, in such manner as the
146 board determines, elect one member of the board who shall be a full-
147 time student at such state university at the time of his or her election
148 and who shall serve for a term of two years from November first in the
149 year of his or her election; (B) (i) on or before November 1, 1997, the

150 students enrolled at Eastern Connecticut State University shall, in such
151 manner as the board determines, elect one member of the board who
152 shall be a full-time student at such state university at the time of his or
153 her election and who shall serve for a term of one year from said
154 November first, and (ii) on or before November 1, 1998, and biennially
155 thereafter, the students enrolled at Eastern Connecticut State
156 University shall, in such manner as the board determines, elect one
157 member of the board who shall be a full-time student at the time of his
158 or her election and who shall serve for a term of two years from the
159 November first in the year of his or her election; (C) on or before
160 November 1, 1997, and biennially thereafter, the students enrolled at
161 Southern Connecticut State University shall, in such manner as the
162 board determines, elect one member of the board who shall be a full-
163 time student at such university at the time of his or her election and
164 who shall serve for a term of two years from the November first in the
165 year of his or her election; and (D) on or before November 1, 1997, and
166 biennially thereafter, the students at Western Connecticut State
167 University shall, in such manner as the board determines, elect one
168 member of the board who shall be a full-time student at such state
169 university at the time of his or her election and who shall serve for a
170 term of two years from the November first in the year of his or her
171 election. [The term of] Notwithstanding the provisions of this
172 subsection, the term of any student member elected pursuant to this
173 subdivision during calendar year 2005 or 2006, shall terminate June
174 thirtieth of the year in which such term is due to expire. (3) On and
175 after July 1, 2007, the student members of the board shall be elected as
176 follows: (A) (i) On or before July 1, 2007, the students enrolled at
177 Central Connecticut State University shall, in such manner as the
178 board determines, elect one member of the board who shall be a full-
179 time student at such state university at the time of his or her election
180 and who shall serve for a term of one year from said July first, and (ii)
181 on or before July 1, 2008, and biennially thereafter, the students
182 enrolled at Central Connecticut State University shall, in such manner
183 as the board determines, elect one member of the board who shall be a

184 full-time student at such state university at the time of his or her
185 election and who shall serve for a term of two years from July first in
186 the year of his or her election; (B) (i) on or before July 1, 2007, the
187 students enrolled at Eastern Connecticut State University shall, in such
188 manner as the board determines, elect one member of the board who
189 shall be a full-time student at such state university at the time of his or
190 her election and who shall serve for a term of one year from said July
191 first, and (ii) on or before July 1, 2008, and biennially thereafter, the
192 students enrolled at Eastern Connecticut State University shall, in such
193 manner as the board determines, elect one member of the board who
194 shall be a full-time student at the time of his or her election and who
195 shall serve for a term of two years from the July first in the year of his
196 or her election; (C) on or before July 1, 2007, and biennially thereafter,
197 the students enrolled at Southern Connecticut State University shall, in
198 such manner as the board determines, elect one member of the board
199 who shall be a full-time student at such university at the time of his or
200 her election and who shall serve for a term of two years from the July
201 first in the year of his or her election; and (D) on or before July 1, 2007,
202 and biennially thereafter, the students at Western Connecticut State
203 University shall, in such manner as the board determines, elect one
204 member of the board who shall be a full-time student at such state
205 university at the time of his or her election and who shall serve for a
206 term of two years from the July first in the year of his or her election. If
207 any student member of the board elected on or after November 1, 2001,
208 [shall terminate if such student member] ceases to be a matriculating
209 student in good standing, either as a full-time undergraduate student
210 or as a full-time or part-time graduate student, at the state university
211 from which such student member was elected, the membership of such
212 student shall terminate. If, on and after July 1, 2007, the membership of
213 any such student member terminates, the students enrolled at the state
214 university such student member represented shall, not later than thirty
215 days after the membership terminates and in such manner as the board
216 determines, elect a student member of the board who shall serve for
217 the remainder of the term. The Governor shall, pursuant to section 4-

218 9a, appoint the chairperson of the board. The board shall, biennially,
219 elect from its members such other officers as it deems necessary. The
220 Governor shall fill any vacancy in the appointed membership of the
221 board by appointment for the balance of the unexpired term. Any
222 vacancies in the elected membership of said board shall be filled by
223 special election for the balance of the unexpired term. The members of
224 said board shall receive no compensation for their services as such but
225 shall be reimbursed for their necessary expenses in the course of their
226 duties.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	10a-89
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	10a-88

Statement of Purpose:

To replace executive secretary with chancellor and to change from November first to July first the date on which new student board members shall begin their term and to provide for a process to fill vacancies of student board members.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]